

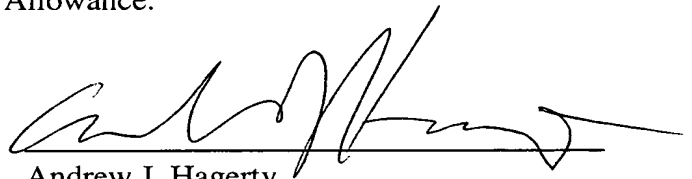
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REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-11, 16, 17, 19-35, and 37-38 are pending in the application, of which claims 1, 2, 4-11, 16, 17, 19-32 are allowed. Claims 33-38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by French 2221829 (hereinafter "FR '829"). In rejecting claims 33-38, the examiner does not address the feature recited in dependent claim 36—a second mating portion that is distally located from the mating portion, the second mating portion configured for a soldered engagement with a circuit structure. Indeed, FR '829 fails to disclose or suggest this feature. Applicants accordingly have amended independent claims 33 and 38 to include this feature (and canceled claim 36), and therefore, believe that claims 33-35 and 37-38 are in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request entry of these amendments as they do not raise a new issue for consideration after a final rejection, and request issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

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